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# This Month in UT Tyler History

## CURRENT EXHIBITS

- **1972 election** featuring political memorabilia from the presidential campaigns of Richard Nixon and George McGovern
- **Rep. William B. Williamson** exhibit featuring memorabilia from and about the man who helped create UT Tyler

*On display at the library*

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## Ten Years Ago (March 2002)

**Voting irregularities in the Student Government Association election cause ballots to be thrown out and a new election held.**

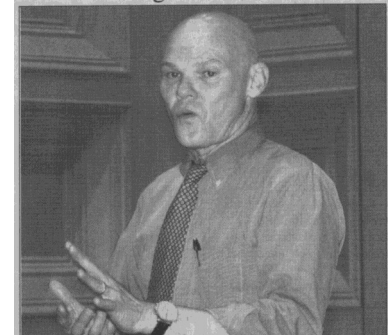
Over 50 ballots were invalidated after voters failed to follow instructions. A second election was held March 20 and 21.

**Coaches hired for the men's and women's soccer teams.**

Coach Jodi Lovell, former head coach at McMurry University, took over the women's team. Coach Kenneth Jones, men's head coach and women's assistant coach at University of Dallas, took over the men's team.

**Thirteen faculty members receive grants for summer research.**

\$81,250 was awarded to University faculty members. Proposals included Paul Streufert, "War and Rumors of War: Iphegenia in Aulis, a New Translation"; Robert Greendyke, "Use of Direct Molecular Simulation Techniques to Model Evaporation and Condensation Phase Changes"; and Vivek Pandey, "Shifting Investor Perceptions off Stock Analysts Recommendations".



Political consult James Carville spoke to students as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series.  
{Melissa Tresner/*The Patriot*}

## Twenty Years Ago (March 1992)



Presidential candidate Bill Clinton, Arkansas governor, greets supporters at Harvey Lake during a March 8 political rally. {Photo by Joe Loftin}

**Democratic Presidential Candidate Bill Clinton visits UT Tyler**

Clinton spoke to a crowd of 400 voters at Harvey Lake on Sunday, March 8. He addressed economic concerns ranging from foreign trade with Japan to the \$3.5 trillion budget deficit. Mindful of his audience, Clinton shared his proposal for reforming the student loan system using the service-for-school model of the G.I. Bill. Finally, he discussed his plans for a national healthcare policy and how he would oversee a transition from a defense-based economy to a domestic one. By the end of the week, he had swept the Super Tuesday primaries to edge out rival Paul Tsongas in the race for the Democratic nomination.

**Computer Science department receives \$64,000 grant.**

Assistant professor Dr. Cathy Wu and professors Dr. George Whitson and Dr. Jerry McLarty secured two research grants from CRAY Research, Inc. for the "support of student research assistanceships and writing programs for the Cray Supercomputer". The proposed project, sponsored by the U.S. Government, dealt with mapping and sequencing human genomes.

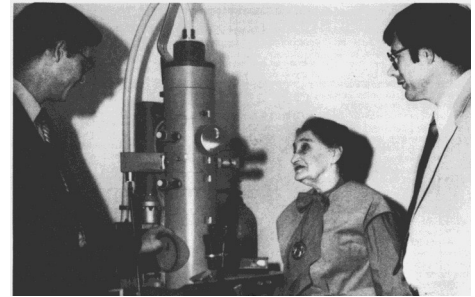
# Thirty Years Ago (March 1982)

**Mrs. Sarah Zuckerman, 85, is the oldest student on campus.**

Mrs. Zuckerman, wife of the late Tyler pathologist Dr. William Zuckerman, enrolled at UT Tyler after donating money to create the Dr. William Zuckerman Laboratory of Electron Microscopy (Department of Biology). Mrs. Zuckerman attended Dr. Paxton Hart's "Literary Appreciation" class in the spring of 1982.

**UT Tyler students respond to 20/20 special about the criminal justice system in Tyler, Texas.**

The episode, titled "Run Away Justice: Crime and Corruption Marks the Small East Texas town of Tyler", originally ran on ABC in 1980. Students were interviewed about the show during the 1982 trial of former Tyler Police Chief Willie Hardey. Students surveyed represented a broad range of opinions on the case.



Mrs. William Zuckerman inspecting the \$85,000 electron telescope in the Dr. William Zuckerman Laboratory named for her late husband. {Staff photo courtesy of Patriot Talon}

**Special Education major Dorothy Tucker elected president of the Texas Student Council for Exceptional Children.**

**Graduate student Vicki LeFevre authors the lead article in the 1982 Vol. 1 of "Touchstone", the statewide journal of the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society.**

Mrs. LeFevre submitted her research on Revolutionary War hero John Paul Jones in an article titled "Fame and Accomplishment in the Early Naval Career of John Paul Jones".

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